

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

Mayor, Township of North Dundas (age 22); Warden, SD&G Counties (age 25); Executive Assistant to local MP Guy Lauzon; employee at family business, JED Express

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

Proudly born and raised in Dundas County. Lived my entire life in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I have volunteered with 50+ local organizations, including co-founding Camp Erin Eastern Ontario, a bereavement camp for children who have lost a close family member.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

My favourite author is TVO's The Agenda host Steve Paikin. I have enjoyed many of his books on serving in public life including his biography of Bill Davis, *Paikin and the Premiers*, and *The Life: The Seductive Call of Politics*. The experiences he shares about from various Canadian leaders are well-written and provide an opportunity to learn about their successes and failures, and lessons in leadership and management style.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

As a former Mayor myself, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson has been a role model and mentor for me. Jim is a positive, hands on, and approachable leader who has enjoyed great success in public life with hard work, pragmatism, and a willingness to set a good tone for his Council and team.

Serving in public life with a team doesn't mean you always agree, and it isn't always without issue, but having respect for others and the attitude you bring to the job goes a long way.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

Having knocked on 5,000+ doors already this year, the cost of living and affordability is a major issue in this campaign. Our commitments to scrap the federal carbon tax, take

the GST off home heating, the Universal Tax Cut for low-and-middle income Canadians, and the additional cut for seniors of \$150/person has been well received.

Young families have also had a positive response to our pledge to make maternity benefits tax-free as well, which can save a middle class family up to \$4,000.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

I firmly believe that those in public life need to make themselves accessible to their constituents. I have attended hundreds of events this year and connected with voters at thousands of homes to date. Being approachable and in the community to give their feedback to their representation goes a long way to establishing trust and respect.

I have also made an effort when serving as Mayor to visit high schools and post-secondary classes to talk about my experiences in public life and address issues important to younger Canadians, many of whom do not vote on a regular basis.